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N'DJAMENA SECURITY SITUATION IMPROVING

11. (SBU) Embassy NDjamena comments Chadian troops are enforcing an informal nighttime curfew as more people return to the streets. Post adds the French military is considering allowing movements off the air base and notes it no longer hears sounds of fighting. Meanwhile, the Chinese Ambassador reportedly returned to his residence in the capital. (Chad Task Force/Embassy NDjamena telcon)
REBELS REMAIN IN CENTRAL CHAD

12. (S) EUCOM estimates the rebels, if re-supplied, could attack NDjamena again within 48-72 hours. (Chad Task Force/EUCOM e-mail)

ADDITIONAL USG EVACUATION FLIGHT ARRIVING IN NDJAMENA

¶3. (SBU) Embassy NDjamena advised American citizens still wishing to depart Chad to appear at the airport. The flight also will re-supply Embassy NDjamena staff at the airport. (Chad Task Force/CA e-mail, Chad Task Force/Embassy NDjamena telcon)

LOCAL GUARD FORCE RETURNS TO DUTY

¶4. (SBU) Embassy NDjamena reports two mobile patrols are functioning, and guards working out of the American School compound are providing protection to the chancery and residences. (Chad Task Force/Embassy NDjamena telcon)

DEBY REAFFIRMS CONTROL DESPITE WEAKENED GOVERNMENT

¶5. (S) Speaking at a press conference in the presidential palace February 6, President Deby said "I am working with less than a quarter of the members of my government. I do not know where the rest have gone." EUCOM comments Deby likely is unsure of the loyalty of his forces, and might not be willing to risk a decisive confrontation with the rebels. (Chad Task Force/EUCOM e-mail, AP)

MORE REFUGEES RETURNING FROM CAMEROON

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¶6. (U) Media report NDjamena residents are using both bridges over the Chari River following President Deby's call for citizens to come back. (Reuters)
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